

# *Washington State Patrol*



## *Vessel and Terminal Security Division*

*Presented by:*  
*Captain Steve Sutton*

## *Mission Statement:*

*“The Vessel and Terminal Security Division provides exemplary public safety services to the Washington State Ferries to help facilitate the safe travel of its riders.”*



# *Strategy linked to TEAM Washington*

- 1. Protect the Washington State Ferry vessels, terminals, and riders from disruptive, criminal, and terrorist acts.***
- 2. Enhance the Washington State Patrol's response capabilities to Washington State Ferry emergencies.***
- 3. Develop the relationships necessary to facilitate the Vessel and Terminal Security Division mission.***
- 4. Citizen/stakeholder/employee education and empowerment.***





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## Head of state ferries resigns after 2-1/2 years

By Susan Gilmore

Seattle Times staff reporter

Mike Thorne, head of the Washington State Ferry

"Mike has done a first-class job in one of the most difficult jobs in the state," said Mayor Greg

"I'm really pleased with the results we achieved and the way he handled the transition."

Thorne, 63, appointed to the top ferry post in January 2001. He later dropped out of the race and was recruited to return.

The job has been fraught with controversy. Initiating a new ferry system's operating funds and 75 percent of its

The ferries have been without food since January

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It's not clear that the ACLU will get what it's asking for.

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## Why feds believe terrorists are probing ferry system

By Mike Carter

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Groups of men, including one tied to a federal terrorism investigation, have videotaped Washington ferry operations, prompting federal authorities to conclude the system has been under surveillance as a possible target for an attack.

U.S. Attorney John McKay, officials in the U.S. Coast Guard and other members of Seattle's Joint Terrorism Task Force all share in that conclusion.

"We may well be the target of preoperational terrorist planning," McKay said.

A confidential FBI assessment of the threat to the state ferries is partly behind an increase in security for large-capacity ferries nationwide, McKay and others say.

The state ferry system is the nation's largest, carrying 26 million passengers last year. It began implementing new security requirements — including tripling the number of cars screened for explosives — this weekend.

For its assessment, the FBI gathered 157 incidents on or near ferries that law-enforcement officers, ferry workers and passengers have reported as suspicious.

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Washington State Patrol Sgt. Kerry Kintzley, left, with Buddy, his bomb-sniffing yellow Lab, and Trooper Mike Allan are part of the enhanced security measures at the Colman Dock in Seattle as vehicles wait to board the boat to Bainbridge Island yesterday.



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GREG GILBERT / THE SEATTLE TIMES  
Bill Henkel of the State Patrol and Butch walk between vehicles at a Seattle ferry dock yesterday, when new rules went into effect.

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# Conclusion

